

Amendments to the Specification:

TITLE:

Please replace the title with the following:

~~BASE PLATE-SUBSTRATE~~ FOR OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM, OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM, MASTER ~~DISC~~PLATE, MASTER ~~DISC~~PLATE RECORDING APPARATUS, AND SIGNAL GENERATING APPARATUS.

New Title without edit marks:

SUBSTRATE FOR OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM, OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM, MASTER DISC, MASTER DISC RECORDING APPARATUS, AND SIGNAL GENERATING APPARATUS

Please add the following new paragraph at page 1, line 5:

THIS IS A DIVISIONAL APPLICATION OF U.S. APPLICATION NO. 09/702,204 FILED OCTOBER 31, 2000.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 1, with the following:

One aspect ~~The 1st invention~~ of the present invention is a substrate for an optical recording medium, comprising:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 17 with the following:

~~The 2nd invention~~ Another aspect of the present invention is the substrate for an optical recording medium ~~according to 1st invention~~, wherein

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1 with the following:

~~The 3rd invention~~ Still another aspect of the present invention is the substrate for an optical recording medium ~~according to 1st invention~~, wherein the direction of shift of the center of said address section is reversed between the shift relative to the radially outermost recording track and the shift relative to the radially innermost recording track in the same zone.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 7 with the following:

~~The 4th invention~~ Yet another aspect of the present invention is the substrate for an optical recording medium ~~according to 3rd invention~~, wherein the amount of shift of the center of said address section decreases continuously or in a steplike manner within said each zone from the radially outermost or innermost portion of said each zone toward the center thereof.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 13 with the following:

~~The 5th invention~~ Still yet another aspect of the present invention is the substrate for an optical recording medium ~~according to 1st invention~~, wherein said substrate is used to produce an optical recording medium in accordance with a prescribed production method, and wherein

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 25 with the following:

~~The 6th invention~~ A further aspect of the present invention is an optical recording medium comprising a phase change type thin film recording layer formed on an upper surface of the substrate for an optical recording medium ~~as described in any one of 1st to 4th inventions~~.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 5 with the following:

~~The 7th invention~~ A still further aspect of the present invention is the optical recording medium ~~according to 6th invention~~, wherein said phase change type thin film recording layer is initialized in advance.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 8 with the following:

~~The 8th invention~~ A yet further aspect of the present invention is a master disc used to produce the substrate for an optical recording medium ~~as described in 1st invention~~, wherein

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 14 with the following:

~~The 9th invention~~ A still yet further aspect of the present invention is the master disc recording apparatus for producing the master disc ~~of 8th invention~~ used to produce the substrate for an optical recording medium, said apparatus comprising:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 9 with the following:

~~The 10th invention~~ An additional aspect of the present invention is a master disc recording apparatus for recording information on the master disc ~~of 8th invention~~ used to produce the substrate for an optical recording medium, said apparatus comprising:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 9 with the following:

~~The 11th invention~~ A still additional aspect of the present invention is the master disc recording apparatus ~~according to 10th invention~~, wherein the direction in which said light is deflected by said second EO deflector in said address section is reversed between the deflection relative to said radially outermost recording track and the deflection relative to said radially innermost recording track in the same zone.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 16 with the following:

~~The 12th invention~~ A yet additional aspect of the present invention is the master disc recording apparatus ~~according to 11th invention~~, wherein the amount of deflection applied by said second EO deflector in said address section decreases continuously or in a steplike manner within said each zone from the radially outermost or innermost portion of said each zone toward the center thereof.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 22 with the following:

~~The 13th invention~~ A still yet additional aspect of the present invention is the master disc recording apparatus ~~according to any one of 9th to 12th inventions~~ for recording information on a master disc used to produce a substrate for an optical recording medium, wherein said substrate is used to produce an optical recording medium in accordance with a prescribed production method, and wherein

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 11 with the following:

~~The 14th invention~~ A supplementary aspect of the present invention is a signal generating apparatus, used in the master disc recording apparatus ~~of 9th invention~~, for generating a signal for driving said EO deflector, wherein

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 4 with the following:

~~The 15th invention~~ A still supplementary aspect of the present invention is a signal generating apparatus, used in the master disc recording apparatus ~~of 10 invention~~, for generating signals for driving said first EO deflector and said second EO deflector, wherein

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 1 with the following:

~~The 16th invention~~ A yet supplementary aspect of the present invention is the signal generating apparatus ~~according to 14th or 15th inventions~~, wherein the polarity of said shift voltage supplied to said EO deflector or said second EO deflector is reversed between the voltage for said radially outermost recording track and the voltage for said radially innermost recording track in the same zone.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 8 with the following:

~~The 17th invention~~ A still yet supplementary aspect of the present invention is the signal generating apparatus ~~according to 14th or 15th inventions~~, wherein the polarity of said shift voltage supplied to said EO deflector or said second EO deflector decreases continuously or in a steplike manner within said each zone from the radially outermost or innermost portion of said each zone toward the center thereof.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 15 with the following:

~~The 18th invention~~ Another aspect of the present invention is the signal generating apparatus ~~according to 14th or 15th inventions~~ used in a master disc recording apparatus for recording information on a master disc used to produce a substrate for an optical recording medium, wherein said substrate is used to produce an optical recording medium in accordance with a prescribed production method, and wherein